

Kidde Announced Voluntary Recall of Industrial Fire Extinguishers

The Kidde 10 lb. industrial dry chemical fire extinguishers with black plastic Zytel® nylon valve assemblies and a welded steel neck collar cylinder which were manufactured between 1991 and 2000 have been voluntarily recalled. The UL standard requires an annual inspection of these fire extinguishers and a 6 year recharge by a professional service agency. Your professional fire extinguisher service company was notified of the recall and instructed to remove these units from service.

The thread area on the nylon valve assembly installed into the welded steel cylinder can be subject to various degrees of degradation under certain conditions over time. This situation could result in the nylon valve assembly spontaneously separating from the steel cylinder during handling, inspection or maintenance. This could also result in the siphon tube separating from the valve during normal operation, affecting the discharge performance. Kidde issued Service Bulletin #007, dated July 16, 2004, describing the affected models and contact information. The service bulletin can be obtained at <http://www.kiddeus.com/utcfs/ws-384/Assets/bulletin007.pdf>.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Kidde issued a voluntary recall alert on July 22, 2005. The alert can be found at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05589.html>.

If any of these fire extinguishers are found, please do not handle or remove the fire extinguisher from service. Contact your fire extinguisher service agency for safe removal and replacement of the fire extinguisher.